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JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S PRIORITIES ARE NOT THE PRIORITIES OF HARD-WORKING SASKATCHEWANIANS

Liberals don't understand that Canadians are having a hard-time making ends meet

Saskatchewanians and all Canadians were hoping for a better outcome from Justin Trudeau's Liberal budget announced this week.

At a time when Liberals in Ottawa are making life more expensive for us here in Saskatchewan, Justin Trudeau could have offered lower taxes and a job creation plan that actually works.

Instead, all of us are being nickel and dimed by this Prime Minister so that he can continue to fund flawed Liberal ideas. The budget they unveiled in March demonstrates very clearly that they simply do not understand hard working middle class Canadians who are having a hard time making ends meet.

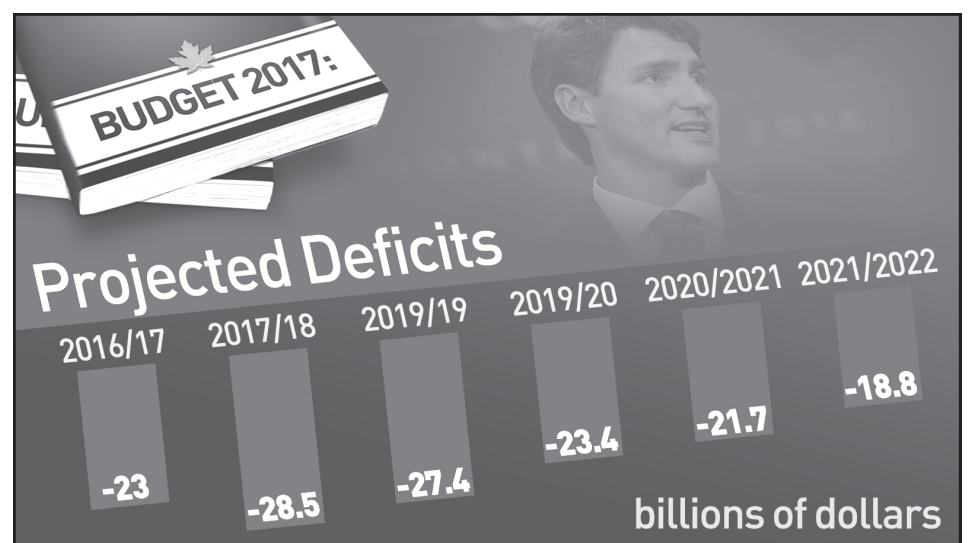
For those of us who live in rural areas, this Liberal budget has some real implications. Instead of assisting farmers, the budget proposes an end to grain deferral cheques, which will take away their ability to plan their taxes accordingly. It also re-affirms the Liberal commitment to bring Canada into the international Arms Trade Treaty, which has the potential to affect law-abiding firearms owners. Further, rural Canada is excluded in the small amount of infrastructure funding allocated in the budget - the majority of which will be going to Canada's largest cities. Overall, this

budget shows that rural Canadians don't really matter to Justin Trudeau and his Liberals.

For families, this budget eliminates the investment tax credit for child care spaces. Also, if you take the bus in Prince Albert, you can no longer claim the Public Transit Tax Credit as it was likewise eliminated. Don't forget, these tax hikes are on top of the tax credits the Liberals already took away from families since their last budget, such as the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, Children's Arts Tax Credit, and income splitting for families. Further, students can no longer claim the tuition and textbook tax credits brought in by the previous Conservative government to help with their education costs.

If you're a business owner, there's nothing in this Liberal budget for you, even though Saskatchewan's businesses help to make up the backbone of our Canadian economy. In fact, the Liberals have been doing a lot to make small businesses uncompetitive, by forcing provinces to buy into their carbon tax scheme. Justin Trudeau has also cancelled the scheduled reduction of the small business tax rate, on top of his elimination of the Hiring Credit for Small Business and his payroll tax hike for employers.

It is obvious that Justin Trudeau and his Liberals have no respect for the taxpayer. If they did, they wouldn't have broken their election promise of a \$10



billion deficit over two years by gifting Canadians with a \$29 billion deficit for this year.

Budget 2017 also states that the Liberals will have to borrow \$143 billion over six years to pay for their reckless spending without a plan for budgetary balance.

Conservatives are proud to be the voice of the taxpayers of Saskatchewan and we won't stay silent while the Liberals continue to nickel and dime us, and continue to borrow on our children's and grandchildren's futures.

Justin Trudeau's priorities are not the priorities of hardworking Saskatchewanians.



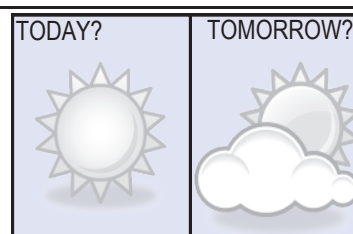
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Budget 2017 Does Nothing to Support Farmers

Budget 2017 does nothing to support hard-working Canadian farmers. There is no new money for the business risk management - a priority for agricultural producers. Farmers and fishermen will also face higher premiums because of changes to the tax credit insurance companies receive for supplying insurance.

Budget 2017 proposes to provide clean technology funding to three departments - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

This money is to go to academics, industry and research labs, but will not be available to producers. New money announced for science and innovation is now focused on climate change, and soil and water conservation; again without any dollars going into the hands of

farmers for new business risk management approaches.

The most detrimental part of the 2017 Budget to agriculture producers is a plan to eliminate the cheque deferral for grain income. This was a program set up to help farmers manage inventories and manage income tax.

For example, if a train was to show up in Saskatoon in mid-December, grain producers would have the option of deferring the cheque for their grain delivery to the next fiscal year if their taxes had already been completed.

This would allow for both proper tax planning for the grain producer and allow for grain cars to be filled in order to keep grain moving on the Prairies. This change proposed by the Liberals will be a huge new tax expense for grain producers.

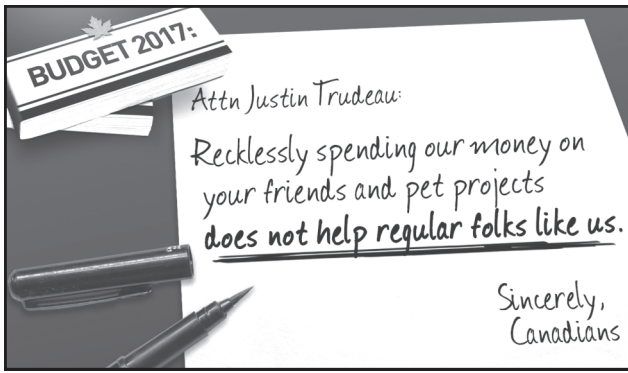
Budget 2017 commits to "Accelerating the Growth of High-Impact Firms" to replace conventional chemical pesticides.

Concerns have been expressed over the process used by the Health Minister to ban neonicotinoid chemicals. Hopefully this initiative does not establish a policy process that sets environmental politics ahead of real science.



The government's proposal to provide \$80 million on a cash basis over five years to replace the Sidney Centre for Plant Health in British Columbia does not make it clear how the money will be spent on the new plant health and how will this will help farmers.

Further, Budget 2017's promise to invest \$500 million to support the expansion of broadband networks in rural Canada will do little to support rural infrastructure, including roads and bridges.



Budget 2017 Quotes

"Investment crosses borders like light through glass. If we continue to allow a growing gap between what it costs to do business in Canada and the costs our competitors face, BUSINESSES WILL BE FORCED TO LOCATE THEIR ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE."
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce, March 22, 2017

"IT'S THE BUZZWORD BUDGET; Federal Liberals more interested in fashionable thinking than real-life needs of Canadians"
- Lorne Gunter, March 23, 2017

"With this federal budget, the Liberals have let the middle class down, again"
- Stephen Gordon, March 22, 2017

"Budget 2017 indicates that after 2021-22, DND will have \$7.5 BILLION LESS FUNDING through 2035-36 to buy new kit and build new buildings, just when it needed the money the most."
- David Perry, Canadian Global Affairs Institute

"This government talks a big game about building a better future for young Canadians and yet it continues to mortgage their future by spending money it doesn't have and sticking them with the bill."
- Aaron Lee Wudrick, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, March 22, 2017

"No money, no ideas, but a wealth of bafflegab, buzzwords in the Liberal Budget"
- Andrew Coyne, March 22, 2017

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Working For Our Constituency as Opposition Critic for Canada/US Relations

I was honored to travel to Washington with our Leader, Rona Ambrose, to meet with American legislators prior to Donald Trump's inauguration as the forty-fifth president of the United States. The Trump Team released its 100-day plan back in October, so Canada and the world have had an idea of what to expect during the first days of the new Administration.

Comments from Trump's Commerce Secretary confirmed that the North American Free Trade Agreement is one of the first items on President Trump's agenda. As NAFTA is Canada's most important free trade agreement, the Liberal government must have a strategy in place for ensuring that Canada's interests are protected if and when future negotiations occur.

In short, Justin Trudeau and his Liberals must make our relationship with the United States their number one foreign policy and international trade priority.

Conservatives have been saying all along that the Liberal government must stop governing in the past and start reaching

out to the Trump team to defend Canadian jobs. I am therefore pleased that the Prime Minister heeded this advice and sent his senior advisors to meet with Trump's transition team to discuss the future of NAFTA.

But just taking meetings is not enough - Canadians expect to see results from the Liberal Government. We hope to see results that include the protection of almost 400,000 jobs from a new softwood lumber agreement, new jobs for Canadian oil and gas sector workers from an agreement to build the Keystone XL pipeline, and the continuation of our stable trading relationship through the preservation of the mutually-beneficial North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Liberal government must also work to engage Congress, like Ms. Ambrose and myself have been doing; and harness cross-border associations such as the Canadian-American Business Council and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, to apprise American decision makers on the importance of the Canada-U.S. relationship to both Canada's and America's prosperity.



They need to know that almost \$2 billion in trade crosses our shared border every day and that nine million American jobs depend on trade with Canada.

Recognizing the intention of the new Trump Administration to enhance U.S. domestic competitiveness by lowering U.S. corporate and income taxes, Justin Trudeau must also take action here at home to ensure that our Canadian businesses can maintain their own competitiveness in the North American market.

Specifically, it is imperative that this Liberal government give up on its carbon tax scheme and other tax-

raising measures which are putting Canadian companies at a competitive disadvantage internationally.

As the Opposition Critic for Canada-U.S. Relations, I will continue to brief and inform American Members of Congress on the importance of Canada to their domestic economy, so they can make informed decisions when creating or voting on policies that affect us.

I will also continue to work to hold Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government to account here at home for their policies which have made it harder for Canadians to do business in today's world.

Why I Voted Against Motion M-103

Recently I had the opportunity to vote against Motion M-103, which called on the House of Commons to condemn Islamophobia and all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination. It also requested that the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage undertake a study on how the government could develop an approach to reducing or eliminating systemic racism and religious discrimination including Islamophobia in Canada.

As a parliamentarian, I am always concerned when anyone in Canada

is attacked or verbally abused for practicing any faith or religion. I condemn, in the strongest of terms, all acts committed against religious communities in our country and abroad.

That is why I supported the creation of the Office of Religious Freedom which was created by the previous Conservative Government. The Office had been at the forefront of the battle to protect freedom of religion and belief internationally, as well as to promote Canadian values of tolerance and pluralism. Sadly, the Liberal Government shut down the Office

shortly after coming into power.

The concern I had with Motion M-103 is its inclusion of the term "Islamophobia." While it is true that persons of the Muslim faith in Canada have experienced forms of prejudice and phobia, radical Islamic groups have also employed the term "Islamophobia" in an attempt to shut down or disparage any criticism of their ideology - an ideology which is contrary to the freedoms and values Canadians cherish. Hence I voted against the Motion in the House of Commons on March 23rd of this year.

Disappointingly, a majority of Liberal and

NDP MPs disagreed with my assessment of Motion M-103 and passed it in the House of Commons by a vote of 201-91. **While all Saskatchewan Conservative Party MPs voted against M-103, our Province's three NDP MPs as well as Liberal MP Ralph Goodale voted for it.**

Centering discussion on the term "Islamophobia" I believe is divisive as it does not have a common definition. This is not the way to formulate public policy in our country, as it only creates division within our population.

Inclusiveness, rather than division, I believe, would have been a better way to go.

It is important for me to know what you think. Please take the time to respond to this reply card and return it to me in the mail without postage. Or, enter it online @ www.MPRandyHoback.ca by clicking 'Surveys!'

- Justin Trudeau's priorities are not the priorities of hard-working Saskatchewanians Yes No
- Trudeau's elimination of the cheque deferral for grain program will have a negative affect on a farmer's management of inventories and will hinder their ability to properly manage their income taxes. Yes No
- Trudeau must also take action here at home such as abandoning his carbon tax scheme to ensure that our Canadian businesses can maintain their own competitiveness in the North American market. Yes No
- Liberals will borrow \$143 billion over six years to pay for their reckless spending without a plan for budgetary balance. Support Oppose
- I was right to vote against Motion M-103. Inclusiveness, rather than division is the right way to go. Yes No
- The federal NDP believe federal greenhouse gas targets do not go far enough and should be increased. NDP is right NDP is wrong

7. Is there anything you would like to share with Randy?

Empty box for sharing information with Randy.

8. Is MP Randy Hoback on the right track for the federal riding of Prince Albert? Yes No

- Are you Veteran? Parent of a child under 18? Farmer? Senior? Millennial?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Justin Trudeau is withholding information from Canadians

Once again, the Liberal Carbon Tax is making headlines, and again it is for shameful reasons.

The Liberal Carbon Tax was a key plank in Justin Trudeau's election platform. After forming the government in late 2015, the Liberals asked the Finance Department to calculate the cost of its tax to Canadian households. In response, my colleague Pierre Poilievre filed an Access to Information request to see these calculations. Yet what he received back from the government was a redacted document which had the household cost of the tax blacked out.

For a Prime Minister who ran on a platform that states that "the government and its information should be open by default," and that "data paid for by Canadians belongs to Canadians", this is shameful behaviour. The reality of the Liberals' disgraceful action is that the household cost of the carbon tax must be high; otherwise they wouldn't care if Canadians knew. For purely political reasons, Justin Trudeau is choosing to withhold this information from Canadians.

While the Liberals keep trying to hide information, others are trying to ensure that we know what the carbon tax will do to our province and to our country as a whole. According to calculations done by the

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation, the Liberal carbon tax is the equivalent of adding 11.5 cents to a litre of gas, and could add over \$2,500 each year to the average family's tax bill.

The carbon tax will also affect businesses. Canada is a nation of exporters that relies on international markets to support our economy. A tax on carbon will compromise our competitiveness. If farmers have to pay more for the fuel in their farm machinery to plant, maintain, harvest and transport their crops, they will have less of a profit margin. Farmers are price takers, not price makers. Their operations are totally dependent on use of fossil fuels. As the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's Todd MacKay recently noted, "A Toyota Prius cannot pull an air seeder."

Grain companies will also have to pay less to farmers to offset their own increases in transportation costs. Not doing so would price them out of the increasingly competitive markets around the world. Why would countries in Europe or Asia pay more for Canadian canola, grain or pulses when they could pay less for the same export from America? They won't.

Liberal Carbon Tax
will cost the average family
↑ MORE THAN \$2,500
EVERY YEAR

Source: Canadian Taxpayers Federation

The Conservative Opposition is not against the Liberal government's targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as the Liberals actually kept the previous Conservative government's targets.

The Liberals recognized our targets were realistically achievable. **The NDP however think that our targets do not go far enough.**

Where we differ with the Liberals is in how to achieve these targets. While the Liberals want to raise your taxes, the Conservative Opposition knows that we can do it without increasing them.

Photos on the Radar



Celebrating the recipient of the 3rd Annual 70+ & Growing Strong Award, Bishop Albert Thévenot - March 2017



Nipawin Constituency Office Grand Opening - February 2017



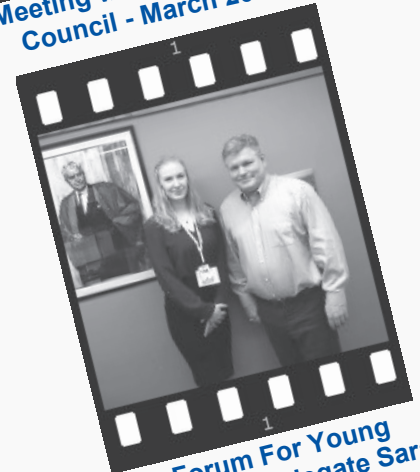
Meeting with Melfort City Council - March 2017



Meeting with Prince Albert Mayor Greg Dionne & Members of Prince Albert City Council - March 2017



Prince Albert's Deena Kapacila in Ottawa as part of Equal Voice's Daughters of the Vote Campaign March 2017



Forum For Young Canadians delegate Sarah Pratchler of Birch Hills in Ottawa - February 2017

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